

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

**WORK SESSION MEETING
April 7, 2010**

MINUTES

I. The meeting was **CALLED TO ORDER** at 8:08 PM by President Gardner.

II. The **FLAG SALUTE** was led by Mrs. Robertson.

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, Mrs. Robertson, Mr. Samuel, Dr. Westlake arrived at 8:10 p.m., Mrs. Watson-Nichols, Mr. Gardner

Absent: Mr. Walsh

Also present: Dr. Maria Nuccetelli, Interim Superintendent, Ms. Rita Cioppi, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and approximately six members of the public.

VI. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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

Dr. Nuccetelli spoke about the following:

- 2010-2011 Budget Presentation to the Oradell PTA on April 6, 2010.
- Letter to Parents regarding changes to the 2009-2010 school calendar
- K-4 Assembly with Officer Phil
- Cogats Testing
- After school Senior Citizen Computer Class

- Great Books
- NJASK Prep
- Grade 6 Hoops

Suzanne Lynch, Tri-District Curriculum Coordinator presented to the Board and the public the Tri-District data update on Reading/Writing/Math.

Mr. Murphy asked if Mrs. Lynch had the same data for just Oradell. Mrs. Lynch responded that the school Principal would have that information.

Mr. Gardner asked if there was a comparison between mid-year scores to NJASK. Mrs. Lynch responded there will be, but the Tri-District tests are more rigorous than NJASK. Mr. Gardner asked if there are any comparisons between Learnia and Tri-District testing. Mrs. Lynch responded “no” because River Dell does not have Learnia.

President’s Report:

President Gardner congratulated the students who did the art work in the hallways and commended the staff as well. He also wished the Board a happy and healthy spring break.

VIII. MINUTES

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES –

- March 11, 1010 Closed Session, Work Session
- March 24, 2010 Regular Session
- March 31, 2010 Budget Presentation/Public Hearing

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – None at this time.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION

- A. BI-BOROUGH/SHARED SERVICES - Dr. Westlake, Chairperson- No Report
- B. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS/SAFETY – Mr. Murphy, Chairperson commented that at the last meeting the committee discussed potential architectural firms.
- C. CURRICULUM - Mrs. Robertson, Chairperson mentioned there would be a meeting on April 8, 2010 at 3:15 pm. Mr. Samuel asked if the school resolved the spring break issue for next year. Dr. Nuccetelli responded that the spring break was moved to the week of April 18th and agrees to River Edge and River Dell schools.

On a motion by Mrs. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Samuel and carried 7-0 (Mr. Ferrante abstained, Mr. Walsh absent) the board approved C1.

1. Adoption of the Revised 2010/2011 School Calendar – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, that the Board approves the revised 2010/2011 School Calendar.

2. **Motion removed – No Action taken-** Adoption of Professional Development Plan 2010-2011- It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, that the Board adopts the 2010-2011 Professional Development Plan for Oradell Public School.

On a motion by Mrs. Robertson, seconded by Dr. Westlake and carried 8-0(Mr. Walsh absent) the board approved C3.

3. Field Trip Request – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent that the Board approves the following:

Grade	Destination	Date	Cost
TAG Students-Odyssey of the Mind- State Finals	Sampson G. Smith School, Somerset NJ to be transported thru shared services with River Dell	4/17/10	\$0

D. FINANCE/TECHNOLOGY – Mr. Samuel, Chairperson

On a motion by Mr. Samuel, seconded by Dr. Westlake and carried 8-0 (Mr. Walsh absent), the board approved D1.

1. Approval of Receiving Students for Park Academy Special Education Program for 2009/2010- It is hereby moved upon recommendation of the Interim 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, retroactively approves the following students and tuition for the 2009/2010 school year as follows:

<u>Student</u>	<u>Sending District</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
P#12-09	River Vale	\$15,877.50(prorated)
P# 13-09	Teaneck	\$34,866.99(prorated)
P#14-09	Emerson	\$19,370.50(prorated)
P#15-09	Wyckoff	\$15,242.50(prorated)

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

Upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, a motion by Mrs. Watson-Nichols, seconded by Mr. Samuel and carried 8-0 (Mr. Walsh absent) the Board approved E1, E2, E3.

1. Acceptance of Resignation of Part-Time Instructional Aide – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, that the Board accepts the resignation of Rayna Mehta, Part-Time Instructional Aide effective April 26, 2010.
2. Acceptance of Resignation of Teacher– It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, that the Board accepts with regret, the resignation of Nancy Treby effective July 1, 2010.(This teacher was approved a leave of absence without pay at the June 10, 2009 Work Session

meeting. Said leave commenced September 1, 2009 and concludes on June 30, 2010).

3. Approval of Substitute Teachers for the 2009/10 School Year – It is hereby moved, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, that the Board approve the appointment of the following individuals as substitute teachers for the 2009/10 school year, at a per diem rate of \$80.00 which increases to \$85.00 per day after the 10th day of service during the 2009/10 school year:

Karin Scotti

F. POLICY – Mr. Ferrante, Chairperson would like to schedule a meeting.

G. PUBLIC RELATIONS/NJQSAC – Mrs. Norian Chairperson stated that pictures of OPS's 80th birthday will be put in the library for people to view. Mrs. Norian also inquired about putting the OPS Newsletter on the website in lieu of giving a hard copy to the parents. Dr. Nuccetelli assured her that the OPS Newsletter would not be eliminated, it will be posted on the website for all to view. Mrs. Norian mentioned that a board was installed on the corner of Kinderkamack and Oradell Avenue for public information to be posted.

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

I. KEY COMMUNICATORS – Mrs. Norian requested a list of all Key Communicator members.

X. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – No comments at this time.

XI. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Samuel asked to have the action item list added to the next packet. He also wants an executive summary on Learnia.

Mr. Murphy mentioned that OPS could sell 80th birthday pictures as a fundraiser for Sharpe.

Mr. Samuel asked for an update on the feasibility study. Dr. Nuccetelli said that Dr. Graham had to identify to the Commissioner which districts would be included in the regionalization. Bergen County had approximately 45 districts as potential areas.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

On a motion by Mr. Ferrante, seconded by Dr. Westlake and carried 8-0 (Mr. Walsh absent) the board approved XII-#1 & #2.

1. Approval of Reorganization Meeting for 2010 - It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, that the Board approves the Board Reorganization/Regular Meeting as April 28, 2010 (Reorganization Meeting was originally scheduled for May 5, 2010).

2. Approval of changes in Board Meeting Dates for May 2010 – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, that the Board approves the following changes:

- May 5, 2010 **Cancelled** - Reorganization Meeting/Work Session
- May 12, 2010 **New** - Work Session Meeting

Board members expressed an interest in adding an email address to the OPS website so the public could email board members, similar to River Dell Regional. Mrs. Norian mentioned that it was a Board of Education mailbox, not necessary personal emails.

Mr. Murphy said there would be a presentation at the Borough Hall, April 8th at 8:00 pm to discuss cell phone towers. Mrs. Watson-Nichols said the board should investigate it and attend the town meeting.

Mr. Samuel suggested the Tri-District test reports should be separated and sent to the various districts for review. Mr. Ferrante said that Mrs. Lynch was hired as the Tri-District Coordinator and she sends data to the district principals, therefore the Oradell Principal should give a presentation.

Mr. Samuel asked when the Board Retreat was being held. Mr. Ferrante said it would be documented for the reorganization meeting.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION (IF NECESSARY)

It is hereby moved that the Board of Education retire 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. On a motion by Mr. Samuel seconded by Dr. Westlake the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rita Cioppi
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

