

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

**REGULAR SESSION MEETING
February 24, 2010**

MINUTES

I. The meeting was **CALLED TO ORDER at 8:08 PM** 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 arrived at 8:55 p.m., Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Norian, Mrs. Robertson, Mr. Samuel, Mr. Walsh, Dr. Westlake, Mrs. Watson-Nichols, Mr. Gardner

Absent: None

Also present were Mr. Jeffrey Mohre, Superintendent of School, Ms. Rita Cioppi, BA/BS and approximately 13 members of the public.

VI. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Mrs. Amy Kennedy, President of the OEA read a prepared statement regarding the Daily Work hours under "New Business" and asked that the statement be included in the minutes of tonight's meeting.

Mrs. Kennedy expressed concern over summer hours being taken away from the secretaries, which has been a past practice for over 25 years. President Gardner said the OEA contract did not have anything written concerning summer hours; therefore it should not be a standard practice.

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

Mr. Mohre shared the following as part of his report:

- The recommendation of Ms. Cappello to the position of part time Nurse's Assistant.
- The commendation of Mr. Williamson, Head Custodian and his entire crew for their recent snow removal efforts.
- The need for the Board to discuss the recently adopted 2010-2011 school calendar, specifically the April 11-15, 2011 spring recess, in light of the fact the DOE has now confirmed that 2011 NJASK testing will begin in early May and not late April. The River Edge and River Dell are revisiting their respective calendars.
- In light of the possibility that this could be his final board meeting, Mr. Mohre thanked the entire Oradell Community for the opportunity to serve the Oradell Public School District as Superintendent for the past nine years. He noted that he will depart only with fond memories of an outstanding faculty, a supportive community, and a very special student body.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Gardner shared the following:

1. Recognized Mr. James Koth, recently re-elected as Council for Education and is also on the planning board. Good Luck to Mr. Koth.
2. Had a shared service meeting with River Edge and River Dell and agreed to meet again. Mr. Murphy asked if there was a discussion on a shared service Superintendent. Mr. Gardner said "At this time River Dell does not have an interest in sharing, River Edge is luke warm on sharing and is currently involved in a Superintendent search". Mr. Samuel said the River Dell President spoke as part of the entire board and was not interested in sharing. Mrs. Robertson mentioned that River Dell was not interested in sharing one Superintendent with three Boards of Education. Mrs. Norian asked for a summary of the meeting to be shared with the board.
3. The CSA evaluation has been done and sent to NJSBA. There was a 60 minute time out for each part of the evaluation if done online.
4. The Interim Superintendent will be addressed by the Personnel Committee chair. Mr. Gardner thanked the members for their hard work and also mentioned that background checks were done as well. Mrs. Norian mentioned "For the Record...that she never sat on a committee meeting. A board has one duty to appoint a Superintendent and a board should handle an interim the same way and should not be done by a committee".
5. Summer Hours – Article 14 in the OEA contract regarding daily work hours has agreed upon work hours. There was no agreement changing those hours unless the board elects into a collective bargaining unit. Mr. Gardner stated "For the Record.....a copy of article XIV to be added to the minutes".

VIII. MINUTES

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES –

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – *On a motion by Mr. Samuel, seconded by Mrs. Watson-Nichols and carried 7-0 (Mr. Ferrante absent, Mr. Samuel abstained) following minutes were approved:*

- January 13, 2010 Work Session, Closed Session

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION

A. BI-BOROUGH/SHARED SERVICES - Dr. Westlake, Chairperson stated that the host district (River Dell) did not supply minutes from the last meeting as yet, but there would be another meeting on Friday, March 26th.

B. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS/SAFETY – Mr. Murphy, Chairperson asked Ms. Cioppi to give an overview of the boiler project and the up and coming security project. Ms. Cioppi mentioned that the Oradell Public School saved energy costs of approximately \$24,000 in just four months time because of the new boilers. The Security Project design package was sent to the State of NJ for approval of the 40% reimbursement. OPS will not know the State’s verdict until the beginning of May.

1. Use of School Facilities – *On a motion by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Dr. Westlake and carried 8-0 (Mr. Ferrante absent) the Board approved B1.*

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. District-Wide Spelling Bee-The Junior Women’s Club of Oradell, River Edge and New Milford – District Wide Spelling Bee:

<u>Date Requested</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Area of Building</u>
Sunday, February 28, 2010 (snow date March 7, 2010)	11:30am-4:00 pm	Auditorium

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

b. REQUEST WITHDRAWN -Family Bingo-The Oradell Special Events Committee

<u>Date Requested</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Area of Building</u>
Tuesday, March 16, 2010	5:00-9:00 PM	Multipurpose Rooms

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

C. CURRICULUM - Mrs. Robertson, Chairperson

On a motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Samuel, the Board tabled C1. Mr. Mohre was asked to furnish the Board with detailed assessment guidelines. Mr. Gardner mentioned that the assessments do not coincide with the ACTFL assessments.

January 15, 2010	Budget documents due in Business Office
January - March 2010	Board Committee meetings scheduled as needed
February 10, 2010	Board Discussion Meeting - Budget
February 25, 2010	Submission of Preliminary Budget - Waiver Requests
March 15, 2010??	State Aid Figures Released
March 1, 2010	Nominating petitions must be filed by 4:00pm
March 10, 2010	Drawing for position on the ballot 4:00pm in Board Office
March 11, 2010	Tentative approval of preliminary budget
March 23, 2010	Budget submission for districts not applying for waiver
March 25, 2010	Advertise budget for public hearing
March 31, 2010	Public Hearing - Adopt Final Budget
April 20, 2010	Annual School Election
May 6, 2010	Annual Reorganization Meeting

3. Acceptance of Oradell Kids Foundation Mini Grant Award Monies 2009/2010 school year- It is hereby that the Board accepts with deep appreciation mini-grant award monies in the following amounts from the Oradell Kids Foundation in support of the following programs:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Mini Grant Project</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Physical Education	Climbing Wall	\$339.00
Kindergarten	Ecology/Arbor Day	\$500.00
2 nd Grade	Liberty Science Center	\$700.00
	Science of Sound	
<u>Grade</u>	<u>Mini Grant Project</u>	<u>Amount</u>
3 rd Grade	Liberty Science Center	\$695.00
	Electricity & Magnetism	
5 th Grade	Continental Soldier Program	\$200.00

4. Payment of Invoices – It is hereby moved that the invoices for the period of January 28, 2010 through February 24, 2010 be retroactively approved as follows:

Fund 10 (<i>General Current Expense</i>)	\$ 761,667.08
Fund 12 (<i>Capital Outlay</i>)	\$ 0.00
Fund 20 (<i>Special Revenue Funds</i>)	\$ 18,904.18
Fund 30 (<i>Capital Projects Funds</i>)	\$ 0.00

Fund 40 (<i>Debt Service Fund</i>)	\$ 412,875.63
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>)	\$ 791.85
Fund 65 (<i>Park Academy</i>)	<u>\$ 32,852.91</u>
Total	\$1,227,091.65

5. Change in Local Telephone Service Carrier– It is hereby moved that the Board approves the change in the district’s local telephone service from Verizon to XTel Communications effective on or about March 1, 2010.

6. Televised Public Hearing-It is hereby moved that the Board approves the 2010-2011 Public Hearing to be televised at the Oradell Borough Hall on March 31st at 8:00 pm.

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

*Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by Mrs. Watson-Nichols, seconded by Mr. Samuel and carried 9-0 the Board approved E1, E2, E3, E4. Dr. Westlake was annoyed that a former County Superintendent was chosen for the interim position over someone who was a former Superintendent of Schools. He felt that OPS was in a critical time period because of negotiations and budgetary constraints from the State of NJ. He felt that she would not have the knowledge to handle these issues. *Mrs. Norian expressed her concern that” in all the years that she sat on school boards, never once has the process been handled by a committee. It has always been done by the whole board. My objection is to the process. I feel it was inappropriate for the committee to handle it the way they did.” The majority of the board stood firm with its vote in favor of Dr. Maria Nuccetelli.*

1. Approval of Nurse Substitute for the 2009/10 School Year – It is hereby moved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the appointment of the following individual as nurse substitute for the 2009/10 school year, at a per diem rate of \$120.00 per day.

Jacqueline Conte

2. Special Education Related Services for 2009/2010 School Year - It is hereby moved upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board retroactively approves in accord with Chapter 46, Title 18A, NJ Statutes, related services for students as follows:

- Melissa Anglesea – 4 hours weekly additional parent training/home programming @ \$30.00/hour beginning 2/08/10 (Student #41) Note: Addition of 4 hours will be those of Brooke Martire, no longer able to provide services.
- Barbara Schupak, OTR – (3) 30-minute OT sessions @ \$110.00 per 45-minute session for Student #59 (fee to be prorated based on 30-minute session)
- Miriam Skydell & Associates: to provide Occupational Therapy services for in-district

- students two days weekly on a temporary basis at a rate of \$135.00 per hour beginning 2/22/10.

3. Retroactive Approval of Student Teacher Placement for the 2009/2010 school year – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board retroactively approves 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>
Kayla M. Macerino	Seton Hall Univ.	2/1/10-6/11/10	Ms. Lesley Maklin

4. Appointment of PT Nurse Aide – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board approves the appointment of Christina Cappello, PT Nurse Aide at \$24/per hr, 15/hrs per wk.

On a motion by Mrs. Watson-Nichols, seconded by Mr. Samuel and carried 7-2 (Dr. Westlake and Mrs. Norian voted no) the Board approved E5.

5. Appointment of Interim Superintendent – It is hereby moved that the Board approves the appointment of Dr. Maria Nuccetelli as the Interim Superintendent of Schools for a period not to exceed 2 years, at a rate not to exceed \$750 per day. Effective start date to be determined.

6. *On a motion by Mr. Ferrante, seconded by Mr. Murphy and carried 8-1 (Dr. Westlake voted no) the Board authorized the Personnel Committee to act on behalf of the Board of Education to decide Mr. Mohre's last day in the district.*

F. POLICY – Mr. Ferrante, Chairperson

On a motion by Mr. Ferrante, seconded by Mrs. Norian and carried 9-0, the board approved F1 and F3.

1. Correction of Policy Number - It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board formally acknowledge that board policy governing Goal and Objectives, adopted on December 9, 2009, be correctly numbered as 6010 and not 6100.

The Board tabled F2 at this time until corrective language is applied.

2. **Tabled - Second Reading** –Board Approval of Policy – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board approves the following policy:

#6172 Alternative Educational Programs

3. First Reading: It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the board accepts the first reading of the following policies:

5136 Fund-raising Activities
1000/1010 Concepts and Roles in Community Relations Goals and Objectives

# 3100.10	Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program
# 3285	Contributions to Board Members and Contract Awards
# 3326.1	Payment of Claims
# 3541.32	School Vehicle Assignment, Use, Tracking, Maintenance, and Accounting
#4111.11	Professional Services

G. PUBLIC RELATIONS/NJQSAC – Mrs. Norian Chairperson stated she submitted a summary to Mr. Mohre for approval. Mr. Ferrante read an article from Governor Christie concerning Facebook on the web.

H. NJSBA/BCSBA DELEGATE REPORT – Mr. Walsh, Delegate

I. KEY COMMUNICATORS – Mrs. Norian

X. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mrs. Amy Kennedy asked again “For the Record.....that summer hours for the secretaries that has been in existence for 25 years has been terminated.” President Gardner stated again that the language in the contract states 6 ¾ hours per day and must be negotiated with the OEA in order to change it.

Mr. Terry McGill said that he was amazed that the majority of the board did not regard Dr. Westlake’s advice on a subject. When a member of a board voices that much concern, the rest of the board should acknowledge it.

Mr. Joe Hanzelli (River Edge) asked if the public could act on a departure date for Mr. Mohre. Mrs. Norian said that it would be voted on by committee and approved at the March 11th meeting by the entire board.

XI. OLD BUSINESS - none

XII. NEW BUSINESS

- Use of Social Networking Websites by Oradell Board of Education
- Discussion of Daily Work Hours – was discussed previously.
- 2010-2011 School Calendar – Mr. Mohre suggested a spring recess during the week of April 11, 2011.

Mrs. Robertson asked if the board was getting an analysis on the NJASK scores. Mr. Mohre said it would be forthcoming.

Mrs. Robertson asked the Administration to call the Basketball league to work out canceling for snow days. They want to be called the morning of the storm in case it is a false alarm.

Mr. Samuel asked to have the action item list updated:

1. Take off the items completed.
2. Add social networking.
3. Add the 2010-2011 calendar updates.

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 Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mr. Ferrante the meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rita Cioppi
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

