

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

**REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
January 13, 2010**

MINUTES

- I.** The meeting was **CALLED TO ORDER** at 8:03 PM 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, Mrs. Norian, Mrs. Robertson, Mr. Walsh, Dr. Westlake,
Mrs. Watson-Nichols, Mr. Gardner

Absent: Mr. Murphy, Mr. Samuel

Also present were Mr. Jeffrey Mohre, Superintendent, Ms. Rita Cioppi, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Mr. Camins, Oradell Lions Club, and approximately 19 members of the public.

VI. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Mrs. Amy Kennedy, OPS teacher, thanked the PTA for their Mini Grant donations.

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

Mr. Mohre welcomed Mr. Camins of the Oradell Lion's Club who made presentations to sixth grade students Kayla Rosado, Chelsea Twan, Neeka Shahidi, and Erin Hughes in honor of their winning entries in this year's Peace Poster Contest.

Mr. Mohre announced the OPS Winter Concert Series scheduled for the evenings of January 26 (Tues) and January 28th (Thurs.). The concerts will feature OPS student instrumentalists and vocalists respectively.

Mr. Mohre announced that the upcoming Tri-District Shared Services Meeting is scheduled for Thursday evening, January 21st; 7:00 p.m.at the River Dell Middle School Board Conference Room.

Mr. Mohre reviewed Curriculum Item C.1 on the evening's agenda.

Mr. Mohre noted that the DRAFT calendar for the 2010-2011 school year and the US/NJ DOE "Race to the Top" Grant would be discussed under New Business as outlined on the evening's agenda.

President's Report – none at this time.

VIII. MINUTES

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES –

December 9, 2009 Regular Session, Closed Session

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – It is hereby moved by Mr. Ferrante, seconded by Mr. Walsh and carried 7-2 the following minutes were approved:

- October 21, 2009 Regular Session
- November 11, 2009 Regular Session

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION

- A. BI-BOROUGH/SHARED SERVICES - Dr. Westlake, Chairperson stated that a committee meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2010 at 7:00 PM.
- B. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS/SAFETY – Mr. Murphy, Chairperson
President Gardner highly commended the custodians for putting better lighting outside the Multipurpose Room doors.
- C. CURRICULUM - Mrs. Robertson, Chairperson commented that a meeting will be scheduled shortly.

On a motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Dr. Westlake and carried 6-1-2(Mrs. Robertson voted no, Mr. Murphy and Mr. Samuel absent) the board approved C1.

1. Field Trip Approval for the 2009/2010 School Year – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board retroactively approves the following field trip:

Grade	Destination	Dates
5th Grade	Buehler Challenger Center; Paramus	1/ 4,5,6 /2010

D. FINANCE/TECHNOLOGY – Mr. Samuel, Chairperson

On a motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Dr. Westlake and carried 7-2(Mr. Murphy and Mr. Samuel absent) the board approved D1, D2, D3 and D4.

1. Monthly Certifications –The revised Financial Report of the Treasurer of School Moneys for the month end October 2009 to include the Auditor’s adjustments, be retroactively accepted.
2. Monthly Certifications –The Financial Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer of School Moneys for the month end November 2009, be retroactively accepted, and furthermore, that the Board certify that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6:20-2A. (10e) that no major account or fund in the 2009/2010 Budget has been over- expended in violation of 6:20-2A.10(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the District’s financial obligation for the remainder of the fiscal year.
3. Payment of Invoices – It is hereby moved that the invoices for the period of November 19, 2009 through December 16, 2009 be retroactively approved as follows:

Fund 10 (<i>General Current Expense</i>)	\$ 883,360.18
Fund 12 (<i>Capital Outlay</i>)	\$ 0.00
Fund 20 (<i>Special Revenue Funds</i>)	\$ 43,118.21
Fund 30 (<i>Capital Projects Funds</i>)	\$ 65,538.78
Fund 40 (<i>Debt Service Fund</i>)	\$ 0.00
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>)	\$ 330.53
Fund 65 (<i>Park Academy</i>)	\$ 19,951.40
Total	\$ 1,012,299.10

4. Acceptance of PTA 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 Parent-Teacher Association in support of the following programs:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Mini Grant</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Pre K and K	High Touch High Tech of NJ	\$817.50
Grade 2	High Touch High Tech-Insect Lab	\$750.00
Grade 3	Liberty Science Center Assembly	\$750.00
Grade 4	Lenape Indian Assembly	\$450.00
Grade 5	Joe Ryan Historian Assembly	\$770.00

E. PERSONNEL /NEGOTIATIONS– Mrs. Watson-Nichols, Chairperson
On a motion by Mr. Gardner, seconded by Dr. Westlake and carried 7-2(Mr. Murphy and Mr. Samuel absent) the board approved E1, E2, E3 (Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Watson-Nichols and Mr. Gardner abstaining on their conference) and E4. Mrs. Watson-Nichols asked the board members to email any items to be discussed for negotiations. She was also planning a meeting in the near future.

1. Acceptance of Retirement – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board acknowledges and accepts, with regret, the retirement of Mrs. Susan Aroldi, Media Specialist, effective June 30, 2010.

Mrs. Norian mentioned that Mrs. Aroldi was a central part of the Oradell Public School and she will surely be missed.

2. Appointment of Part-time Instructional Aide(.5) – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board appoint Ms. Rayna Mehta to the position of Part-Time Instructional Aide(.5) effective on or about January 14, 2010 through June 30, 2010 at \$9,718.00 (to be prorated) per the negotiated Agreement between the Oradell Education Association and the Oradell Board of Education.
3. Conferences/Workshops 2009/2010 School Year – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board approves the below listed staff members to attend the following conference/workshop (and related expenses) as outlined in the A5 School District Accountability Act:

Name: Corinne Lynch
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: BCEMSEE Technology Meeting
Date: January 28, 2010
Location: Washington Township, NJ
Registration Fee: \$35.00

Name: Dorothy Watson-Nichols
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: NJSBA Governance II-Finance
Date: January 14, 2010-January 30, 2010
Location: Web Based - On-line Course
Registration Fee: \$50.00

Name: Christine Robertson
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: NJSBA Advanced Training
Date: January 14, 2010-January 30, 2010
Location: Web Based - On-line Course
Registration Fee: \$50.00

Name: Michael Gardner
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: NJSBA Advanced Training
Date: January 14, 2010-January 30, 2010
Location: Web Based - On-line Course
Registration Fee: \$50.00

Name: Garrie Murphy
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: NJSBA Governance I: NJQSAC
Date: January 14, 2010-January 30, 2010
Location: Web Based - On-line Course
Registration Fee: \$50.00

4. 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.

Nicole Rotella

F. POLICY – Mr. Ferrante, Chairperson

G. PUBLIC RELATIONS/NJQSAC – Mrs. Norian Chairperson

H. NJSBA/BCSBA DELEGATE REPORT – Mr. Walsh, Delegate stated that he was going to be a judge at the Odyssey of the Mind and needed to go for training.

On a motion by Mr. Mohre, seconded by Mrs. Watson-Nichols and carried 6-0-1, Mr. Walsh abstained, the Board approved travel reimbursement for Mr. Walsh at an amount not to exceed \$30.00, to attend the Odyssey of the Mind Judges Training.

I. KEY COMMUNICATORS – Mrs. Norian stated there would be a meeting at the end of the month and Mr. Mohre would create the correspondence.

X. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - None

XI. OLD BUSINESS – None

XII. NEW BUSINESS

- 2010-2011 Draft School Calendar
- New Jersey Department of Education *Race to the Top Grant*

On a motion by President Gardner, seconded by Mr. Walsh and carried 5-2 (Mr. Murphy and Mr. Samuel absent, Mr. Ferrante and Mrs. Norian voted no) the board approved the "Race to the Top" Grant and directs the Superintendent to sign the memorandum of agreement authorizing the Oradell Public School to participate in the "Race to the Top" Grant sections B, C1, CII.

Mrs. Amy Kennedy was asked if the OEA wished to also sign the Race to the Top grant and she said "no".

Mrs. Norian thanked the PTA for the Mini Grants.

President Gardner reviewed the 2010-2011 school calendar. Mrs. Robertson asked if OPS checked with RiverDell to see if Back-to-School night coincided.

Mr. Walsh mentioned that he attended the RiverDell board meeting and the OPS parents highly commented on the Connected Math Program but the 6th grade parents felt that their children were falling behind. Mr. Fletcher stated that he was only aware of one class that fell behind. Mrs. Watson-Nichols concurred.

Mr. Walsh also asked if the Supervisor of Special Services was supposed to have parent meetings in accordance with his contract. Mr. Mohre said that he would check with Special Services.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION – On a motion by Mrs. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Walsh and carried 6-0-1 (Dr. Westlake voted no) the board voted to enter into Closed Session at 10:08 pm to discuss personnel.

XIV. On a motion by President Gardner, seconded by Dr. Westlake, the meeting adjourned at 10:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Cioppi
Business Administrator/Board Secretary