

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

**REGULAR SESSION MEETING
March 24, 2010**

MINUTES

- I.** The meeting was **CALLED TO ORDER** at 8:08 p.m. by President Gardner.
- II.** The **FLAG SALUTE** was led by Mr. Ferrante.
- 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, Mr. Walsh, Mrs. Watson-Nichols, Mr. Gardner and approximately 75 member of the public.

Absent: Dr. Westlake

Also present: Dr. Maria Nuccetelli, Interim Superintendent, Ms. Rita Cioppi, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and approximately 75 members of the public.

- VI. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

Mrs. Currilin asked if the Sharpe trip was really axed. Mr. Gardner said he was hopeful the 1.5% employee payment toward health benefits that the State required will help to

reinstate this program. Dr. Nuccetelli will speak to Mr. Ryan to have a fundraiser to reinstate the program.

Mr. Duthie thanked the committee for all their hard work. New Jersey has forced a heavy ax across the state. He appreciates the support and invitation to help. Mr. Duthie said we are on the front lines and have a "Budgetary Advisory Committee" to help and be included in future savings.

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

- Introduction of Dr. Maria Nuccetelli by President Gardner

VIII. MINUTES

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES –

On a motion by Mr. Ferrante, seconded by Mr. Walsh and carried 7-0-1(Mr. Murphy abstained, Dr. Westlake absent) the board approved the minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – It is hereby moved, that the following minutes be approved:

- January 27, 2010 Regular Session Meeting
- February 24, 2010 Closed Session, Regular Session

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION

A. BI-BOROUGH/SHARED SERVICES - Dr. Westlake, Chairperson – no report

B. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS/SAFETY – Mr. Murphy, Chairperson said there will be a meeting Friday, March 26th at 3:30 pm to interview architects.

C. CURRICULUM - Mrs. Robertson, Chairperson

On a motion by Mrs. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Walsh and carried 8-0(Dr. Westlake absent) the board approved C1.

1. Approval of 2010 Tri-District Social Studies Curriculum – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, that the Board approves the 2010 Tri-District Social Studies Curriculum, K-12.

D. FINANCE/TECHNOLOGY – Mr. Samuel, Chairperson

On a motion by Mr. Samuel, seconded by Mr. Walsh and carried 8-0 (Dr. Westlake abstained, the board approved D1, D2, D3, D5, D6, and D7.

1. Payment of Invoices – It is hereby moved that the invoices for the period of February 25, 2010 through March 24, 2010 be retroactively approved as follows:

Fund 10 (General Current Expense)	\$ 836,933.95
Fund 12 (Capital Outlay)	\$ 0.00

Fund 20 (<i>Special Revenue Funds</i>)	\$ 24,852.52
Fund 30 (<i>Capital Projects Funds</i>)	\$ 0.00
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>)	\$ 501.67
Fund 65 (<i>Park Academy</i>)	<u>\$ 24,775.96</u>
Total	\$ 887,064.10

2. Monthly Certifications –The Financial Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer of School Moneys for the month end February 2010, 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. Technology Plan 2010-2013 - It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent that the Board approves the Technology Plan for 2010-2013 and its submittal to the NJ Department of Education.

Consensus of the board was taken to go into closed session at 8:57 p.m. to discuss agenda item D4. The board returned at 9:15 p.m. On a motion by Mr. Samuel, seconded by Mr. Ferrante and carried 8-0(Dr. Westlake absent) the board approved D4.

4. Settlement Agreement - It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent that the Board approves the settlement agreement related to Student #72 and authorizes the execution of such agreement. And furthermore, directs that the administration act in accordance therewith.
5. Revised Tentative 2010/2011 Budget – It is hereby moved that the Oradell Board of Education adopts the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oradell Board of Education approve/adopt revisions to a previously approved tentative 2010/2011 school district budget (on 3/11/10) as follows:

	<u>Local Tax Levy</u>	<u>Budget</u>
General Fund	\$ 9,463,926	\$ 9,715,377
Debt Service Fund	\$ 547,720	\$ 568,314
Totals	<u>\$10,011,646</u>	<u>\$10,283,691</u>

And further authorizes the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to make any and all changes to the budget as mandated by the State.

6. Transfer of Funds and Monthly Transfer Reports– Approval the following transfer of funds and monthly transfer reports as of March 2010:

Description	Account #	Trans Amt	Date
PARK TEXTBOOKS	65-216-100-640- -	-1,135.00	01/26/2010
PARK GEN ADM SUPPORT	65-216-230-320- -	500.00	01/26/2010
FIELD TRIP REGISTRATION	65-216-230-500- -	635.00	01/26/2010
EXTRAORD.SERVS.-SALS.	11-000-217-100-50-	2,332.32	01/27/2010
EXTRAORD.SERVS.-SUBS	11-000-217-101-51-	1,000.00	01/27/2010
SUPT.-SUBS	11-000-230-101-54-	170.38	01/27/2010
SUPT.-PURCH.PROF.SERVS.	11-000-230-339-01-	1,563.00	01/27/2010
SUMMER CUSTODIAL	11-000-262-104-53-	0.25	01/27/2010
ENERGY (ELECTRICITY)	11-000-262-621-06-	2,932.22	01/27/2010
UNEMPLOYMENT CONTR	11-000-291-250- -	298.50	01/27/2010
GRADES 1-5 INSTR.STAFF	11-120-100-101-50-	-14,940.56	01/27/2010
GRADES 1-5 SUBS	11-120-100-101-51-	1,300.00	01/27/2010
GRADES 1-5 MISC SALS	11-120-100-101-52-	185.46	01/27/2010
NI-GEN.SUPPS	11-204-100-610-04-	5.99	01/27/2010
RES.-SALS.TEACHERS	11-213-100-101-50-	1,440.00	01/27/2010
RES.-SALARIES-SUMMER	11-213-100-101-53-	3,712.44	01/27/2010
INSTR.TRAIN.-SALARIES	11-000-223-110- -	7,000.00	01/27/2010
UNDISTR.-TEST SCORING	11-190-100-340-04-	-7,000.00	01/27/2010
EXTRAORD.SERVS.-SALS.	11-000-217-100-50-	2,915.40	01/27/2010
ARRA BASIC-TCHR AIDES	20-450-100-102- -	-2,915.40	01/27/2010
SECRETARIAL SALARY	65-216-100-105- -	12,416.16	01/27/2010
PARK OTHER SALS	65-216-100-106- -	-12,416.16	01/27/2010

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

- Beata Ligas to provide physical therapy services 7.5 hr/wk (as needed) @ \$65 /hr effective 4/1/10.
- April Castaldo to provide parent training services 2 hours per week @ \$40/hr for student #52 (Replaces Andrea Boyle) effective 3/25/10.

- E. PERSONNEL /NEGOTIATIONS– Mrs. Watson-Nichols, Chairperson
On a motion by Mrs. Watson-Nichols, seconded by Mr. Samuel and carried 8-0 (Dr. Westlake absent) the board approved E1 and E2.

1. Approval of Unpaid Leave - It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, that the Board approves an unpaid leave of absence for Mrs. Christine Wood, from May 1, 2010 to June 14, 2010.

2. Approval of Leave of Absence - It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, that the Board approves a leave of absence, followed by an unpaid leave of absence for Mrs. Amy Rabinowitz in accordance with the NJFLA from September 1, 2010 to November 29, 2010.

F. POLICY – Mr. Ferrante, Chairperson

G. PUBLIC RELATIONS/NJQSAC – Mrs. Norian Chairperson

H. NJSBA/BCSBA DELEGATE REPORT – Mr. Walsh, Delegate is waiting for the Delegate's Assembly in May. There is also a Dollars & Sense meeting on April 5th to discuss Facts & Figures forum.

I. KEY COMMUNICATORS – Mrs. Norian

X. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - none

XI. OLD BUSINESS

- School Calendar 2010-2011- Spring Recess during April 18 – April 22, 2011
President Gardner said that he is aiming to make sure the Tri-district has the same calendar.

Mr. Samuel thanked Corinne Lynch for the hard work she put into the Technology Plan. It showed great progress and was a very budget minded plan.

Mr. Walsh said he attended Odyssey of the Mind on March 13th and enjoyed it.

Mr. Samuel asked for an update on district goals. Dr. Nuccetelli said she would respond within 30 days. He also asked about the Security Project and Ms. Cioppi responded that the State of NJ may delay approvals, we are not sure yet.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Revision of the 2009/2010 School Calendar – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, that the Board approves the revision of the 2009/2010 School Calendar to reflect April 16, 2010 as a full day for students and staff as a result of the exhaustion of all built-in emergency closing days.

Mrs. Robertson said that after last week's storm, Oradell needs a better calling system because some parents were not contacted because of power outages. She asked for recommendations from the Building & Grounds Committee to come up with a better emergency plan.

Mrs. Watson-Nichols said **“For the Record”** we need to recognize the custodial staff for getting this building open and operating after the storm. Ms Cioppi highly commended the custodial staff for getting the fire department to help pump out the water from the Board Offices. Kevin Williamson, Head Custodian, worked diligently Sunday and Monday to get the power back on in the school and have it fully operational. The custodians were concerned over the safety of the staff and children of this district.

Mr. Walsh mentioned that River Dell had \$1,009,000 taken from their state aid and is \$800,000 over budget. There is a meeting Friday at 7:30 pm to go over the budget items.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION


On a motion by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mrs. Watson Nichols, the board entered into closed session at 8:57 p.m.

On a motion Mr. Ferrante, seconded by Mr. Samuel opened the meeting at 9:15 pm. to vote on agenda item D4.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mr. Ferrante and carried, the meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rita Cioppi
Business Administrator/Board Secretary