

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

**Oradell Public School Library/Media Center
September 30, 2010**

MINUTES

- I.** The meeting was **CALLED TO ORDER** at 7:30 PM by President Watson-Nichols.
- II.** The **FLAG SALUTE** was led by Mr. Murphy.
- III.** The **SUNSHINE LAW STATEMENT** was read by President Watson-Nichols.

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 Robertson.

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, Mr. Samuel, Mrs. Walker, Mr. Walsh,
Dr. Westlake, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Watson-Nichols

Absent: None

Also present were Dr. Maria Nuccetelli, Interim Superintendent, Ms. Rita Cioppi, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Ms. Toni Cappadonna, Tri-District Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction, and approximately 31 members of the public.

VI. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Mrs. Schwartz asked why the keyboarding class was given after school and not during school hours for all children. Dr. Nuccetelli responded that the school is not supplanting and the sessions are well within the standards of the law and it is also up to the school district how to handle it. Students will take the courses if they want to, it is optional.

Mrs. Schwartz felt that the school should not have the Integrated Preschool and LLD classes because the school is not a business. Dr. Nuccetelli responded that we are not running it like a business and these classes help to keep our students in the Oradell School in lieu of sending them out of district which could cost OPS 2 ½ times the cost of the in-house classes.

Mrs. Boccanfuso asked why she was denied attending an art workshop. Dr. Nuccetelli asked to see her after the meeting to discuss.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Recognition of New Staff Members at Oradell Public School.
- Report on NJASK Grades 3-6
- Back to school nights were held on September 22 (PreK-3) and September 29 (Grades 4-6).
- Tri-District Curriculum and Instruction – continuing to work with our new supervisor to plan Professional Development Days in October. Training in Learnia will be the focus for the Oradell staff.
- 2009-2010 external audit – auditors have been in the school and are gathering information which will be presented to the board and public.
- Sharpe Program – a meeting was held with the 4th and 5th grade parents to discuss the Sharpe Program and how it will be funded for both years.
- Reminder that the next board meeting is October 13, 2010 at 7:30 pm in the Media Center.

Dr. Nuccetelli gave a presentation on the NJASK scores. The Board members asked questions focusing on the needs of the OPS children and meeting the board goals set for the year.

Mr. McGill (Teacher and OEA Rep) mentioned that the teachers don't have a lot of confidence in the tests and the scores are not the same as the schools. There isn't much faith in the NJASK testing.

Mr. Gardner asked if a comparison could be done with other "I" districts to see if we are in line with them. Dr. Nuccetelli responded that those scores are not out yet.

Mrs. Capodonna (Tri-District Supervisor) commented on the different scores and assured the board and public that she would look into the areas where students need improvement to make sure the teachers have the tools and training they need.

Mrs. Conti and Mr. Derian asked additional questions about Learnia and Dr. Nuccetelli answered them.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

- Presentation to Mr. Michael Gardner, former Board Member
- Presentation to Mrs. Judith Crystal, former OPS teacher

- Mrs. Watson-Nichols and Mrs. Robertson made a new list of committees which were placed in the board folders.
- Mrs. Watson-Nichols discussed the date of the December board meeting and mentioned that the consensus was for December 14, 2010.

VIII. MINUTES

Mr. Murphy left the meeting at 8:50 P.M.

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES –

- August 31, 2010 Regular Session Meeting
- September 15, 2010 Closed Session, Work Session

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – None at this time.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION

A. BI-BOROUGH/SHARED SERVICES - Dr. Westlake, Chairperson stated a meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2010.

B. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS/SAFETY – Mr. Murphy, Chairperson
 A meeting was held on September 21, 2010 regarding the Security Project. Minutes of this meeting were provided to each board member in tonight's board meeting folder.
On a motion by Mr. Samuel, seconded by Mr. Walsh and carried 8-0(Mr. Murphy absent) the board approved B1.

1. Approval of School Emergency Plan – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, that the Board approves and adopts the School Emergency Plan for the 2010-2011 school year.

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

1. Approval of After-School Keyboarding Class for 2010-2011 School Year – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent that the Board approves an after school Keyboarding Class for 5th and 6th graders at a cost not to exceed \$900.00.

D. FINANCE/TECHNOLOGY – Mr. Samuel, Chairperson
On a motion by Mr. Samuel, seconded by Dr. Westlake and carried 8-0(Mr. Murphy absent) the board approved D1, D2, D3, D4, D5.

1. Approval of 2010-2011 Tuition Rate for LLD Class – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, that the

Board approve the tuition rate in the amount of \$39,500 for non-resident students attending the LLD class for the 2010-2011 school year.

2. Approval of 2010-2011 Tuition Rate for Integrated Pre-School Class – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, that the Board approve the tuition amounts for regular ed. students attending the Integrated Pre-School Class for the 2010-2011 school year as follows:

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| Four year old class | \$2,274.00 |
| Three year old class | \$1,950.00 |

3. Monthly Certifications –The Financial Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer of School Moneys for the month end August 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 2010/2011 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.
4. Payment of Invoices – It is hereby moved that the invoices for the month of September 2010 be retroactively approved as follows:

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| Fund 10 (<i>General Current Expense</i>) | \$ 640,299.16 |
| Fund 12 (<i>Capital Outlay</i>) | \$ 0.00 |
| Fund 20 (<i>Special Revenue Funds</i>) | \$ 7,542.81 |
| 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 60 (<i>Integrated PreSchool</i>) | \$ 3,592.30 |
| Fund 63 (<i>Schaefer Explorations</i>) | \$ 7,124.70 |
| Fund 64 (<i>Ntl School Lunch Prog</i>) | \$ 0.00 |
| Fund 65 (<i>Park Academy</i>) | \$ 0.00 |
| Total | \$ 658,558.97 |

5. Shared Services – Region V for the 2010-2011 School Year – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, that the Board approves shared services for student evaluations and related services to be contracted with Region V as an on needed basis and furthermore, the Board approves all shared service agreements with Region V for the 2010-2011 school year.

E. PERSONNEL /NEGOTIATIONS– Mr. Walsh, Chairperson

Upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, on a motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Dr. Westlake and carried 8-0 (Mr. Murphy absent) the board approved E1, E2 with addendum (Mr. Walsh abstained), E3, E4, E5, E6, E7, E8, E9, E10, E11.

1. Recognition Program of Staff Members – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent that the Board approves the following;

Whereas the Oradell Board of Education recognizes the hard work and dedication exhibited by their staff members;

Whereas the Oradell Board of Education acknowledges those staff members who have attained a milestone in their career in the Oradell Public School;

Whereas the Oradell Board of Education wishes to show their appreciation of the contributions that the staff members have made to the school,

Therefore, be it resolved, that beginning with the 2010-2011 school year, staff members will be recognized as follows for their years of service in the Oradell School District at the final June meeting of the Board of Education:

5 years of Service – Certificate of Achievement/Pin
10 years of Service – Certificate of Achievement/Pin
15 years of Service – Certificate of Achievement/Pin
20 years of Service – Certificate of Achievement/Pin
25+ years of Service – Certificate of Achievement/Pin

2. Conferences/Workshops 2010/2011 School Year – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board approves the below listed staff members/board members to attend the following conference/workshop (and related expenses) as outlined in the A5 School District Accountability Act:

Name: Dr. Maria Nuccetelli, Interim Superintendent

Conference/Seminar/Workshop: NJSBA 40th Annual School Law Forum

Date October 20, 2010

Location: Somerset, NJ

Registration: \$75.00

Name: Rita Walker, Board Member

Conference/Seminar/Workshop: NJSBA New Board Member Orientation

Date October 18, 2010

Location: Somerset, NJ
Registration: No Charge
Mileage/Tolls: \$50.00

Name: Rita Walker, Board Member
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: NJSBA Annual Convention
Date: October 19, 2010-October 20, 2010
Location: Somerset, NJ
Registration: \$ 100.00
Mileage/Tolls: \$50.00

Name: Karen Chang
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: NJ Assoc. of Learning Consultants Fall Symposium
Date: October 29, 2010
Location: Bridgewater, NJ
Registration Fee: \$145.00
Mileage: \$29.45

Addendum:

Name: John Walsh, Board Member
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: NJSBA Legislative Committee Meetings
Dates: 10/2/10, 1/22/11, 3/19/11, 6/4/11
Locations: Mercerville and Trenton
Registration Fee: None
Mileage:

3. Approval of Personal Leave – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent that the Board approve the personal leave of absence for Ms. Jamie Sisti, Teacher, (minus sub pay) for the following dates: 10/13/10, 10/14/10, 10/15/10, 10/18/10, and 10/19/10.
4. Approval of Nurse Substitute for the 2010/11 School Year – It is hereby moved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves the appointment of the following individual as nurse substitute for the 2010/11 school year, at a per diem rate of \$120.00 per day.

Denise Michaud

5. Approval of Part-time Special Education Instructional Aide for the 2010/11 School Year – It is hereby moved, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, that the Board approves the appointment of Marie Davis, Part-time Instructional Aide at a salary of \$9,718.00 (to be prorated) pending receipt of the Criminal History Review Process.

*Until a contract agreement is ratified for the 2010/11 school year by the Oradell Board of Education and the Oradell Education Association, the salary will be the same as the 2009/2010 annual salary. All adjustments will be made after settlement of the new contract.

6. Approval of Substitute Teacher for the 2010/11 School Year – It is hereby moved, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, that the Board approves the appointment of the following individual as a substitute teacher for the 2010/11 school year:

Marie Davis*(pending receipt of the Criminal History Review Process)

7. Approval of Substitute Instructional Aides for the 2010/2011 School Year – It is hereby moved, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent that the Board approves the appointment of the following individuals as substitute instructional aides for the 2010/2011 school year:

Barbara Kornfeld
 Eileen Nelson
 Rosemary Irvine
 Marie Davis* (pending receipt of the Criminal History Review Process)

8. Special Education Services for 2010/2011 School Year - It is hereby moved upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, that the Board approves in accord with Chapter 46, Title18A, NJ Statutes, the 2010/2011 School Year the related services for the following students:

| PROGRAM/SERVICE PROVIDER | DESCRIPTION | TOTAL COST |
|--------------------------|--|------------|
| Johanna Bargisen | 4 Hours Behavioral Consultation for Student #67 July-August 2010 @ \$45.00/hour | 405.00 |
| | 3 Hours Behavioral Consultation for Student #76 August 2010 @ \$45.00/hour | |
| | 2 Hours Behavioral Consultation for Student #66 July-August 2010 @ \$45.00/hour | |

9. Approval of Stipends for 2010/2011 School Year - It is hereby moved upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, that the Board approves the following staff/stipends for the 2010-2011 School Year:

| <u>Activity</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Stipend Amount</u> |
|-----------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Safety Patrol | Jaime Sisti | \$600.00 |
| | Kevin Stokes | \$600.00 |
| Family Math | Tracey Killeen | \$650.00 |
| | Jamie Schraer | \$650.00 |

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| Family Science | Tracey Killeen | \$650.00 |
| | Donna Smith | \$650.00 |

10. Acceptance of Resignation - It is hereby moved upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, that the Board accepts with regret, the resignation of Christina Cappello, Part-Time Nurse Aide effective October 1, 2010.

11. Approval of Part-time Nurse Aide for 2010-2011 School Year - It is hereby moved upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, that the Board approves the appointment of Jackie Conti, Part-time Nurse Aide at an hourly rate of \$24/per hour, 15/hours per week effective October 4, 2010.

F. POLICY – Mr. Ferrante, Chairperson commended Mrs. Barbagallo on a fabulous job putting the policy manual together. Dr. Nuccetelli also complimented the administrators. Mr. Samuel stated for “the record” that he does not want a printed copy of the policies/regulations.

G. PUBLIC RELATIONS/KEY COMMUNICATORS – Mrs. Norian, Chairperson informed the Board that the committee will be redoing the “Welcome to the Board” brochure.

On a motion by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Dr. Westlake and carried 5-3 (Mr. Murphy absent. Mr. Ferrante, Mrs. Robertson and Mrs. Watson-Nichols voted no) the board approved G1.

1. Approval of Professional Services – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, that the Board approve the appointment of the consulting firm of Sousa & Stern to provide Community Planning Services to the Oradell School District and the Oradell Community at a fee of \$1,200.00.

H. NJSBA/BCSBA DELEGATE REPORT – Mr. Walsh, Delegate stated that the first meeting is scheduled for October 2, 2010.

X. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mrs. Lombardi, Mrs. Shoenberg, Mr. Derian, Mrs. Lynch, Mrs. Devine, and Mrs. Solinas expressed concerns over the Sharpe Trip for the 5th grade students. They all felt the trip should have 10 teachers present, as in the past, instead of 5 teachers and 2 extra Naturalists from the resort. Dr. Nuccetelli responded to them that she would choose the number of teachers who would be attending the trip and two Administrators would also be present during the trip.

XI. OLD BUSINESS - None

XII. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Walsh asked if the new Tri-District Coordinator could give quarterly reports on the progress of River Edge, RiverDell and Oradell students at the Bi-Boro Meetings in addition to her individual district meetings.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION – None at this time

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Ferrante, seconded by Dr. Westlake, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rita Cioppi
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

