

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

**PUBLIC WORK/BUSINESS SESSION MEETING
Oradell Public School Library/Media Center
APRIL 9, 2014**

MINUTES

I. *The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Watson-Nichols.*

II. *The Flag Salute was led by Mrs. Walker.*

III. *The Sunshine Law Statement was ready 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 Record and Town News and all persons requesting such notice.

IV. *The Mission Statement was read by Mrs. Norian.*

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: Mrs. Norian, Mr. Oddo arrived at 7:45 p.m., Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Walker, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Samuel, Mrs. Watson-Nichols

Absent: Mr. Derian, Dr. Westlake

Also present were Mr. Lawrence Hughes, Interim Superintendent, Mr. Bert Arifaj, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Mr. Matthew Wilson, and approximately 20 members of the public.

VI. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Mrs. Nancy Shapiro, President of the Oradell PTA asked about the agenda item regarding the Right to Know-5yr. Survey.

VII. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Watson-Nichols spoke about the following:

- *Dr. Doolittle Performance*
- *NJSBA recognition of Mr. Derian and Mr. Walsh*
- *Introduced Mr. Matthew Wilson as the district's new Superintendent of Schools.*

VIII. INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Information/Discussion Items

IX. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

A. Information/Discussion Items

X. MINUTES

REVIEW OF MINUTES –

- March 12, 2014 Public Business Session, Closed Sessions
- March 26, 2014 Public Business Session, Closed Session

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – *A motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mrs. Walker and carried by roll call vote, the Board approved the following minutes:*

- February 26, 2014 Public Business Session, Closed Session

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION

A. TRI-DISTRICT/SHARED SERVICES – Dr. Westlake, Chairperson

B. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS/SAFETY – Mr. Derian, Chairperson

A motion by Mr. Oddo, seconded by Mr. Walsh and carried by roll call vote 7-0 (Mr. Derian and Dr. Westlake absent) the Board approved B1.

1. Use of School Facilities – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, that the Board of Education approve the following requests for use of school facilities for the 2013-2014 School Year:

Organization	Event	Area of Building	Dates	Time	Custodian O/T to be paid by the district	Custodian O/T to be paid by the organization
*RiverDell Jr. Cheerleading	Registration and Apparel Sale	MPR C & D	May 20, 2014	4:00-9:00 PM	-0-	-0-

*no charge to use the facilities

C. CURRICULUM – Mrs. Walker, Chairperson

D. FINANCE/TECHNOLOGY – Mr. Samuel, Chairperson

A motion by Mr. Samuel, seconded by Mr. Walsh and carried by roll call vote 7-0 (Mr. Derian and Dr. Westlake absent) the Board approved D1, D2, D3, D4, D5, D6, D7.

1. Authorizing Execution and Delivery of the Grant Agreement – It is hereby moved, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, in concert with the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, that the Board authorizes the execution and delivery of the Grant Agreement between the Board of Education and the New Jersey Schools Development Authority for the following Department of Education approved project:

Oradell School District/Bergen County

Oradell Elementary School

Project Description: Create entrance lobby at front of school to improve security

DOE Project #: 3870-050-14-1001

SDA Project #: 3870-050-14-G1FK

Grant #: G5-4894

2. Transfer of Capital Reserve Funds – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, in concert with the Business Administrator/Board Secretary that the Board approves the transfer of funds in the amount of \$64,440.00 from the Capital Reserves Account to the Capital Projects Account to fund the local share of the Security Improvement Project #3870-050-14-1001.
3. Delegation of Authority to the School Business Administrator for supervision of the School Facilities Project– It is hereby moved upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, in concert with the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, that the Board approve delegation of authority to Mr. Bert Arifaj, School Business Administrator for supervision of the following School Facilities Project:

Oradell School District/Bergen County

Oradell Elementary School

Project Description: Create entrance lobby at front of school to improve security

DOE Project #: 3870-050-14-1001

SDA Project #: 3870-050-14-G1FK

Grant #: G5-4894

4. Approval to bid for the SDA Entrance Security Improvement Project- It is hereby moved, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, in concert with the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, that the Board authorizes the School Business Administrator to advertise for bidding of the School Facilities Project, SDA Project # 3870-050-14-G1FK, Entrance Security Improvements at the Oradell Elementary School
5. Approval of Special Education Programs/Services for 2013/2014 School Year – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, that the Board approves the following Programs/Services as per the student’s IEP for the 2013-2014 school year:

Student #80: Region III (NVRHS) to provide a total of (10) one-hour sessions of parent training @ \$40.00/hour (to be utilized between February-June 2014).

6. Acceptance of Donation – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent that the Board, accepts with gratitude, a donation from the Oradell PTA in the amount of \$1,000.00 to the Sixth Grade Commencement to offset the cost of T-shirts.
7. Approval of Professional Services - It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent that the Board approves Garden State Environmental, Inc, to conduct a Full 5-Year Right to Know Survey at a cost of \$1500.00.

E. PERSONNEL - Mrs. Robertson, Chairperson

A motion by Mrs. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Walsh and carried by roll call vote 7-0 (Mr. Derian and Dr. Westlake absent) the Board approved E1, E2, E3, E4, E5, E6, E7, E8.

1. Acceptance of Resignation – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, that the Board accepts with regret, the resignation of Thomas Santagato, Director of Special Education and Student Support Services, effective June 30, 2014.
2. Approval of 2014 Part-Time Summer Custodians – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, that the Board approves the following 2014 part-time summer custodians at an hourly rate of \$ 9.50:

William Gooler
 Dante DeSimone
 Chris Gordon
 Andy S. Gomez
 Brian Douredjian* pending criminal history review

3. Appointment of Long Term Leave of Absence Replacement Teacher - It is hereby moved, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, that the Board approves Kevin Schadel, as a long term leave of absence replacement teacher (for Carol Richardi-Music) effective April 7, 2014 (1 transition day) through June 20, 2014.
4. Approval of Substitute Teachers/Substitute Instructional Aides for the 2013/14 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/Substitute Instructional Aides for the 2013/14 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 2013/14 school year:

Substitute Teacher	Substitute Instructional Aide
Dennis Ng	
Michael Sconza* pending criminal history review	

5. Amend Previously Approved Family Medical Leave (FMLA) - It is hereby moved, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, that the Board amends the previously approved resolution E5, February 26, 2014 and approves the leave of absence (FMLA) for Debbie Domingues from February 24, 2014 to **May 19, 2014.**
6. Amend Appointment of Long Term Leave of Absence Replacement Teacher - It is hereby moved, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, that the Board amends the previously approved resolution E1, March 26, 2014 and approves the appointment of Elizabeth Bosca, as a long term leave of absence replacement teacher as follows:

January 23, 2014 – February 26, 2014 at the daily rate of pay of \$85.00 per day
 February 27, 2014 – **May 19, 2014** at the daily rate of pay of \$150.00 per day

7. Approval of Stipend for Assistant Director of Schaefer Explorations 2014 Summer Program - It is hereby moved, upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, that the Board approve a stipend in the amount of \$4,500.00 to Lesley Maklin, Assistant Director of Schaefer Explorations 2014 Summer Program.

8. Appointment of Superintendent of Schools – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, that the Board approves the following:

WHEREAS, the Oradell Board of Education has completed a thorough and exhaustive search for a new Superintendent; and

WHEREAS, the contract between the Oradell Board of Education and Mr. Matthew Wilson was approved by the Executive County Superintendent of Schools on April 7, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to employ Mr. Matthew Wilson as the Superintendent of the Oradell School District for the four year period beginning on July 1, 2014 and ending on June 30, 2018 in accordance with the terms of the Employment Agreement; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes the Board President to execute, on behalf of the Board, the Employment Agreement by and between the Board and Mr. Matthew Wilson.

F. POLICY – Mr. Oddo, Chairperson – *No Report*

G. PUBLIC RELATIONS – Mrs. Norian, Chairperson *welcomed the new Superintendent.*

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

XII. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

XV. CLOSED SESSION – (IF NECESSARY)

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.

XVI. A motion by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mr. Samuel the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bert Arifaj
Business Administrator/Board Secretary