

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

**PUBLIC WORK/BUSINESS SESSION MEETING
Oradell Public School Library/Media Center
March 12, 2014**

MINUTES

I. *The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by President Watson-Nichols.*

II. *The Flag Salute was led by Dr. Westlake.*

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 Record and Town News and all persons requesting such notice.

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

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. Derian, Mrs. Norian, Mr. Oddo arrived at 8:00 p.m., Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Walker, Mr. Walsh, Dr. Westlake, Mr. Samuel, Mrs. Watson-Nichols

Absent: None

Also present were Mr. Lawrence Hughes, Interim Superintendent, Mr. Bert Arifaj, BA/BS and approximately 10 members of the public.

VI. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

VII. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

A motion by Dr. Westlake, seconded by Mr. Samuel and carried by roll call vote 8-0(Mr. Oddo absent) the board entered into closed session at 7:35 pm.

A motion by Mr. Samuel, seconded by Mr. Walsh and carried by roll call vote 8-0(Mr. Oddo absent) the board returned to open session at 7:45 pm.

Mr. Samuel and Mr. Walsh will be attending Odyssey of the Mind.

VIII. INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- A. Information/Discussion Items
 - 1. HIB Report for February 2014

IX. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

- A. Information/Discussion Items
 - 1. Preliminary 2014/2015 Budget

X. MINUTES

REVIEW OF MINUTES – None at this time

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

- January 29, 2014 Public Work/Business Mtg, Closed Session
- February 12, 2014 Public Work/Business Mtg, Closed Session(Mrs.Norian abstained)

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION

A. TRI-DISTRICT/SHARED SERVICES – Dr. Westlake, Chairperson *stated the next meeting is April 1, 2014.*

B. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS/SAFETY – Mr. Derian, Chairperson
A motion by Mr. Derian, seconded by Mr. Walsh and carried by roll call vote 8-1 (Mr. Samuel voted no) 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
*River Dell Lacrosse	Practice	Gym	Saturdays: March 22, 29, 2014	8 -4:30PM	17 hrs@\$44.51 p/hr. (\$756.67 estimate pending contract neg.)
*RiverDell Lacrosse		GYM	March 17, 19, 21, 25, 26, 27, 28,31,2014	6-9 PM	-0-
		GYM	April 1, 2,3,4,2014	6-9 PM	-0-
		MPR A & B MPR C & D	April 7,8,9,10,11,2014 April 7,8,	7-9 PM 6-9 PM	-0- -0-
*HOOPS	Intramurals	Gym	March 21, 28, 2014 April 4, 11, 25,2014 May,2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2014	3-5 PM	-0-
*Oradell PTA	Presentation on Childhood Anxiety	IMC	March 27, 2014	6-9 PM	-0-
*Oradell Girl Scout Troop #1518	Educational meeting with the Seeing Eye Dog	MPR-D	May 5, 2014	2:45-5 PM	-0-

—	Foundation				
*PTA Science Fun Committee	Science Fair- Judges Room	Room 134	March 13, 2014	3:30-10 PM	-0-
*Oradell Girl Scout Troop # 863	Cupcake Sale	Outside on Front Lawn - main entrance of OPS	April 9, 2014	2:30 -3:30 PM	-0-

*no charge to use the facilities

C. CURRICULUM – Mrs. Walker, Chairperson

Mrs. Robertson asked that resolution C1 be amended to include “that in case an additional snow day is needed, April 15, 2014 will be added as a full day of school.”

A motion by Mrs. Walker, seconded by Dr. Westlake and carried by roll call vote 9-0, the board approved C1, C2, C3.

1. Approval to revise the 2013/2014 School Calendar – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, that the Board approves a revision of the 2013/2014 School Calendar to reflect Monday April 14, 2014 as a full day of school to cover the one (1) day we are over due to the snow closings this winter ***and should an additional snow day is needed, April 15, 2014 will be added as a full day of school.***
2. Approval of HIB Report for February 2014 – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent that the Board approves the HIB Report for February 2014.
3. Approval of Field Trip for 2013-2014 School Year – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, that the Board approves the following Field Trips:

Grade	Destination	Dates	Cost to District	Cost to Parents
1	World of Wings Teaneck, NJ	6/12/14	-0-	Admission: \$1,955.00 Transportation: \$750.00
G & T	Odyssey of the Mind State Finals Ewing, NJ	4/12/14	Transportation: \$900.00. Registration: \$300.00 Teacher Stipend: \$150.00	-0-
6	North Jersey Region Honors Band - South Orange Middle School	5/3/14	Teacher Stipend: \$150.00	-0-

D. FINANCE/TECHNOLOGY – Mr. Samuel, Chairperson

A motion by Mr. Samuel, seconded by Mr. Walsh and carried by roll call vote 9-0, the board approved D1. A motion by Mr. Samuel, seconded by Mr. Walsh, the board tabled D2.

1. Approval of 2014/2015 Preliminary Budget – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, that the Board approves the following:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oradell Board of Education approve a school district preliminary budget for the FY2014/2015 School Year for submission to the Executive County Superintendent’s Office as follows:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Local Tax Levy</u>
General Fund (Fund 10)	\$10,935,427	\$10,294,274
Special Revenue Fund (Fund 20)	\$195,004	
Debt Service Fund (Fund 40)	\$521,200	\$521,200
Total Preliminary Budget	\$11,651,631	

The Board of Education will use \$50,216 of prior years’ banked CAP in this budget for the purpose of increased cost in Special Education.

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

2. **TABLED**-Approval to proposal to install Keypad in Principal’s Office – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, that the Board approves the proposal submitted by ACT (Alarm & Communication Technologies, Inc, Wharton, NJ) in the amount of \$1,868.00 for the materials/installation of a new keypad in the Principal’s Office.

E. PERSONNEL - Mrs. Robertson, Chairperson

A motion by Mrs. Robertson, seconded by Dr. Westlake and carried by roll call vote 9-0, the Board approved E1.

1. Approval of Workshops/Conferences for the 2013/2014 School Year – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation from the Interim Superintendent, that the Board approves the following Workshops/Conferences:

Attendee	Conference/Workshop	Location	Date(s)	Cost	Travel
Michele Kalotkin	Anxiety Goes to School	Region V	4/7/14	-0-	-0-
Corinne Lynch	NJASTO Meeting	Hillsdale, NJ	4/2/14	-0-	-0-
Corinne Lynch	NJECC Conference	Montclair, NJ	3/11/14	\$95.00	\$10.68
Karen Chang	NJ Assoc. of Learning Consultants Conference	Bridgewater, NJ	4/14/14	\$140.00	\$23.75

F. POLICY – Mr. Oddo, Chairperson *stated a committee meeting is scheduled for March 18th.*

G. PUBLIC RELATIONS – Mrs. Norian, Chairperson *stated a committee meeting is scheduled for March 20th.*

H. NJSBA/BCSBA DELEGATE REPORT – Mr. Walsh, Delegate *spoke about the NJSBA handouts.*

XII. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Jamie Caruana, OPS Teacher, spoke about access to the district's WiFi.

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Hughes gave an update on the Superintendent Search.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

XV. CLOSED SESSION – *A motion by Dr. Westlake, seconded by Mr. Samuel and carried by roll call vote, the board entered into closed session at 8:50 p.m. to discuss personnel items.*

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 Mr. Samuel, seconded by Mrs. Norian the meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

*Bert Arifaj
Business Administrator/Board Secretary*