

ORADELL BOARD OF EDUCATION
ORADELL, NEW JERSEY 07649

PUBLIC WORK/BUSINESS SESSION MEETING
Oradell Public School Library/Media Center
January 28, 2015

MINUTES

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

II. *The Flag Salute was led by Mr. Derian*

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 Mr. Walsh.*

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

Mr. Derian, Mr. Samuel, Mrs. Walker, Mr. Walsh, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Watson-Nichols

Absent: Mrs. Norian, Mr. Oddo, and Dr. Westlake.

Also present were Mr. Matthew Wilson, Superintendent, Ms. Heather Goguen, Business Administrator/Board Secretary and approximately 10 members of the public.

VI. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

VII. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Information/Discussion Items

January 2015: School Board Recognition Month

A motion by Mr. Samuel seconded by Mr. Derian, and carried by roll call vote 6-0 (Mrs. Norian, Mr. Oddo, and Dr. Westlake absent), the Board approved the Proclamation declaring January 2015 as School Board Recognition Month:

WHEREAS, The New Jersey School Boards Association has declared January 2015 to be School Board Recognition Month, a time that all residents might acknowledge the contributions made by our local school board members; and

WHEREAS, The Oradell Board of Education is one of 586 local school boards in New Jersey that sets policies and oversees operations for public school districts; and

WHEREAS, The Oradell Board of Education embraces the goal of high-quality education for all New Jersey public school students; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's local school boards help determine community goals for the education of approximately 1.4 million children in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's 4,800 local school board members, who receive no remuneration for their services, act as advocates for public school students as they work with administrators, teachers and parents for the betterment of public education; and

WHEREAS, School boards strive to provide the resources necessary to meet the needs of all students, including those with special needs; and

WHEREAS, Boards of education provide accountability to the public; they communicate the needs of the school district to the public; and they convey to school administrators the public's expectations for the schools; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey can take pride in its schools, which rank among the nation's best in indicators such as high school graduation rates, class size, college entrance exam participation, and Advanced Placement offerings and test scores. Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Oradell Board of Education, does hereby recognize the services of local school board members throughout New Jersey as we join communities statewide in observing January 2015 as SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Oradell Board of Education urges all New Jersey citizens to work with their local boards of education and public school staffs toward the improvement of our children's education.

2. Go Math! Pilot Presentation was presented by Mrs. Violetti.

Mr. Wilson thanked the PTA for the 7 mini-grants.

IX. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

A. Information/Discussion Items

X. MINUTES

REVIEW OF MINUTES –

- September 23, 2014 Public Work/Business Session
- October 8, 2014 Public Work/Business Session, Closed Session
- November 5, 2014 Public Work/Business Session, Closed Session
- November 19, 2014 Public Work/Business Session, Closed Session
- December 17, 2014 Public Work/Business Session, Closed Session
- January 7, 2015 Reorganization, Regular Session, Closed Session

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES –

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION

A. TRI-DISTRICT/SHARED SERVICES – *Nothing at this time.*

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

A motion by Mr. Derian, seconded by Mr. Walsh and carried by roll call vote 6-0 (Mrs. Norian, Mr. Oddo, and Dr. Westlake absent), the Board approved B1.

1. Use of School Facilities – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education approve the following requests for use of school facilities for the 2014-2015 School Year:

Organization	Event	Area of Building	Dates	Time	Custodian O/T
*Odyssey of the Mind	Practice	Room 217 and the hallway by the room	1/28/15, 1/30/15, 1/31/15, 2/4/15, 2/6/15, 2/7/15	Wednesdays 2:30-4:00 PM Fridays 3:00-5:30 PM Saturdays 8:30 AM-1:30 PM	-0-
*Junior Woman’s Club of River Edge	Tri Community Spelling Bee	Auditorium	2/1/15 2/8/15 (Snow Date)	11:00 AM-4:00 PM	-0-
*Junior Woman’s Club of River Edge	District Spelling Bee	Auditorium	2/22/15 3/1/15 (Snow Date)	11:00 AM-4:00 PM	-0-
*PTA	Family Game Night	MPR C	2/20/15	6:30-9:30 PM	-0-
*Daisy Troop	Meeting	MPR D	2/9/15, 3/9/15, 4/20/15 5/11/15, 6/8/15	3:00-4:30 PM	-0-
Boy Scout Troop 36	Eagle Celebration	MPR A-D	3/14/15	3:30-7:30 PM	5 hrs @ \$51.57/hour Total:\$257.85

*facility use fee waived

C. CURRICULUM – Mrs. Walker, Chairperson

A motion by Mrs. Walker, seconded by Mr. Walsh and carried by roll call vote 6-0 (Mrs. Norian, Mr. Oddo, and Dr. Westlake absent), the Board approved C1 and C2.

1. HIB Report for December 2014 – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board affirms the decision and findings of HIB Incident #12.11.14.1 as reported by the Superintendent to the Board of Education.
2. HIB Report for December 2014 – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board affirms the decision and finding of HIB Incident #12.17.14.1 as reported by the Superintendent to the Board of Education.

D. FINANCE/TECHNOLOGY – Mr. Samuel, Chairperson

A motion by Mr. Samuel seconded by Mr. Walsh, and carried by roll call vote 6-0 (Mrs. Norian, Mr. Oddo, and Dr. Westlake absent), the Board approved D1, D2, D3, D4, D5, D6, D7 and D8.

1. Monthly Certifications –The Financial Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer of School Moneys for the month end November and December 2014, 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 2014-2015 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.
2. Payment of Invoices – It is hereby moved that the invoices for the month of November 2014 be retroactively approved as follows:

Fund 10 (<i>General Current Expense</i>)	\$ 1,085,879.90
Fund 12 (<i>Capital Outlay</i>)	\$ 0.00
Fund 20 (<i>Special Revenue Fund</i>)	\$ 188.50
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>)	\$ 0.00
Fund 63	\$ 2,070.00
Fund 64 (<i>Ntl School Lunch Prog</i>)	\$ 400.48
Fund 65	\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 1,088,538.88

3. Payment of Invoices – It is hereby moved that the invoices for the month of December 2014 be retroactively approved as follows:

Fund 10 (<i>General Current Expense</i>)	\$ 1,044,821.43
Fund 12 (<i>Capital Outlay</i>)	\$ 0.00
Fund 20 (<i>Special Revenue Fund</i>)	\$ 15,360.44
Fund 30 (<i>Capital Projects Funds</i>)	\$ 30,325.42
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>)	\$ 0.00
Fund 63	\$ 0.00
Fund 64 (<i>Ntl School Lunch Prog</i>)	\$ 706.58
Fund 65	\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 1,091,213.87

4. Transfer of Funds – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves the attached transfer lists in accordance with Title 18A:22-8.1 and furthermore designates the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to make budget transfers between line items, and to make additional transfers as necessary between monthly meetings of the Board.

5. Acceptance of PTA Mini-Grant Award Monies for the 2014-2015 school year - It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent 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:

Grade	Mini Use Grant -Event	Mini Grant Amount
Pre-K	Outragehiss Pets	\$300.00
Kindergarten	High Touch-High Tech Program (The Power of Light)	\$765.00
First Grade	High Touch-High Tech Program (Rainforest Safari)	\$910.00
Second Grade	High Touch-High Tech (Smarty Plants) & Liberty Science Center Programs (Science Circus)	\$1000.00
Third Grade	Liberty Science Center Program (The States of Matter)	\$670.00
Fourth Grade	Lenape Lifeways Program	\$500.00
Fifth Grade	Revolutionary War Re-Enactment	\$1000.00

6. Acceptance of PTA donation for the 2014-2015 school year - It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board accepts with deep appreciation a donation in the amount of \$935.70 for the 6th Grade Activities Committee from the Oradell Parent Teacher Association.

7. Approval of Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) waiver for 2015/2016– It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Oradell Public School District approves the following:

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district's participation in the Special Education Medicare Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2015-2016 School year; and

WHEREAS, the Oradell Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having fewer than 40 Medicaid eligible classified students;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Oradell Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Bergen, an appropriate waiver of the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.3 for the 2015/2016 School Year.

8. Approval for the participation in the Board of Public Utility (BPU) Local Energy Audit Program:

WHEREAS, the Oradell School District heretofore has participated in the Board of Public Utility (BPU) Local Energy Audit Program, which allowed the School District to have energy audits performed on certain school facilities, the cost of the energy audit to be paid by the BPU; and

WHEREAS, the Local Energy Audits performed by CHA Engineering included the Oradell Public Schools;

WHEREAS, the Energy Audits identified various Energy Conservation Measures (ECM), which should be implemented via capital improvements, which will result in energy savings, and

WHEREAS, the identified ECMs have an estimated capital improvement cost of \$527,000; and

WHEREAS, if the identified ECMs are installed, the estimated annual energy savings (gas and electric) would be approximately \$53,000 per year; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the Energy Savings Improvement Program (ESIP) law (P.L. 2009, c.4) was passed (and amended by P.L. 29012, Chapter 55), which allows board of educations to use "Energy Savings Obligations" as the financing method to pay for the costs (capital and certain soft costs) to design and install the ECMs; and

WHEREAS, as the future value of energy savings is leveraged to pay the upfront project costs over a periods not to exceed fifteen years, the Energy Savings Obligations" are not considered new general obligation debt; and

WHEREAS, the Local Audit Energy Audits performed by CHA Engineering conclude that the identified ECMs are appropriate candidates for inclusion in an ESIP; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding that the rule-of-thumb upon review of the various implementation methodologies, the Administration recommends that the ESIP be pursued using the turn-key ESCO (Energy Savings Company); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to law, the Board of Education will only be permitted to enter into an ESIP if it has been determined (by the selected ESCO with independent third party verification and approval of the BPU) that the savings generated from the reduced energy use from the program will be sufficient to cover the costs of the program's ECMs.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Oradell Board of Education that;

The Administration is hereby authorized to proceed with the issuance of a request-for-qualifications from DPMC (Dept. of Property Management and Construction) qualified ESCO firms.

In accordance with applicable law, the Board of Education shall approve, by duly authorized resolution, the ESCO selected and the form of contract.

Mr. Samuel also thanked the PTA for their generous donations.

E. PERSONNEL - Mrs. Robertson, Chairperson

A motion by Mrs. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Walsh and carried by roll call vote 6-0 (Mrs. Norian, Mr. Oddo, and Dr. Westlake absent), the Board approved E1, E2, E3, E4, and E5.

1. Approval of Leave of Absence – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation from the Superintendent, that the Board approves the Childbirth Disability Leave of Absence for Amy Kennedy to commence on or about March 2, 2015 (using 40 accrued sick days) concurrent with FMLA leave to the extent permitted by law, followed by New Jersey Family Leave (unpaid by the Board, with health benefits) with an expected return date on or before September 1, 2015.
2. Approval of The Madison Institute (TMI) to provide one full day of staff training on February 17, 2015– It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves Professional Development training provided by TMI to OPS staff @ \$1000.00 (total) for the required (1) Staff Professional Development day on February 17, 2015
3. Approval of Workshops/Conferences for the 2014/2015 School Year – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation from the Superintendent, that the Board approves the following Workshops/Conferences:

Attendee	Conference/Workshop	Location	Date(s)	Cost	Travel
Jennifer Amoroso	Assisting Students With Informational Text Reading, Word Study, Comprehension, & Content Learning	Garwood, NJ	3/3/15	\$195 (registration fee); \$30	\$9.45
Jane Heede	Preschool: Learning through Play	Maywood, NJ	3/20/15	\$0	\$0
Jane Heede	Functional Communication Strategies for Children with Autism	Harrington Park, NJ	4/16/15	\$0	\$0
Jane Heede	Keeping the Social in Social Skills	Harrington Park, NJ	4/29/15	\$0	\$0
James Butcher	NJMEA Conference	New Brunswick, NJ	2/19/15 and 2/20/15	\$150	\$57.78
Brian Mistretta	A Practical Guide to School Safety Team Management	Lodi, NJ	4/30/15	\$99	\$0
Melissa Golden	A Practical Guide to School Safety Team Management	Lodi, NJ	4/30/15	\$99	\$2.17
Jennifer Adona	A Practical Guide to School Safety Team	Lodi, NJ	4/30/15	\$99	\$0

	Management				
Jill Van Praagh	A Practical Guide to School Safety Team Management	Lodi, NJ	4/30/15	\$99	\$0
Kevin Stokes	A Practical Guide to School Safety Team Management	Lodi, NJ	4/30/15	\$99	\$0
Jill Van Praagh	Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights	Lodi, NJ	5/15/15	\$99	\$0
Jennifer Adona	Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights	Lodi, NJ	5/15/15	\$99	\$0
Kevin Stokes	Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights	Lodi, NJ	5/15/15	\$99	\$0
Jennifer Adona	HIB & Special Education	Lodi, NJ	2/13/15	\$99	\$0
Jill Van Praagh	HIB & Special Education	Lodi, NJ	2/13/15	\$99	\$0
Kevin Stokes	HIB & Special Education	Lodi, NJ	2/13/15	\$99	\$0
Attendee	Conference/Workshop	Location	Date(s)	Cost	Travel
Amy Rabinowitz	Understanding and Addressing the Practical Impact of Executive Function Deficits in Academics	Region V	2/18/15	\$0	\$0
Michele Kalotkin	Understanding and Addressing the Practical Impact of Executive Function Deficits in Academics	Region V	2/18/15	\$0	\$0
Heather Goguen	Affordable Care Act	NJASBO	2/26/15	Included in Annual Dues	\$21.46
Heather Goguen	Purchasing	NJASBO	3/26/15	Included in Annual Dues	\$21.46
Jennifer Powers	Common Core Content & Math Practices	Upper Montclair, NJ	1/30/15	\$130	\$8.62
John Walsh	Odyssey of the Mind (Judge)	Ewing, NJ	1/30/15	\$0	Not to exceed \$50

4. Approval of additional hourly Region V Services -It is hereby moved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves additional hourly ESL services to be provided through Region V, at a rate of \$67 per hour, not to exceed \$24,000.

5. Approval of Clinical Practicum for the 2014/2015 School Year - It is hereby moved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves the following Clinical Practicum placement:

Name	School	Dates	Cooperating Staff Member
Priscilla Aristakesian	Rutgers University	On or about January 20, 2015 – May 15, 2015	Carole Orthmann

F. POLICY – *Nothing to report at this time.*

G. PUBLIC RELATIONS –*Nothing to report at this time.*

H. NJSBA/BCSBA DELEGATE REPORT – *Nothing to report at this time.*

XII. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

XIII. OLD BUSINESS –*All committees will remain the same for the 2015 year.*

XIV. NEW BUSINESS –

- *Oradell Town Council/BOE Liaison Meeting Minutes are provided this evening to board members.*
- *Mrs. Walker spoke about Go Math! being implemented at a young age at OPS is an advantage to students.*

X. CLOSED SESSION – *Did not have Closed Session.*

XI. *A motion by Mr. Samuel, seconded by Mrs. Robertson, the meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,



Heather Goguen

Business Administrator/Board Secretary

