

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

**PUBLIC WORK/BUSINESS SESSION MEETING
Oradell Public School Library/Media Center
January 20, 2016**

MINUTES

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

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 Mr. Derian.*

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 7:33 p.m.), Mrs. Shapiro, Mrs. Walker (arrived at 7:31 p.m.) Mr. Walsh, Dr. Westlake, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Watson-Nichols

Also present was Ms. Heather Goguen, Business Administrator/Board Secretary and approximately 5 members of the public.

VI. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

VII. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

- A. Discussion Items - Our attorney advised that the public be aware that the board met on December 28, 2015 in closed session for the purpose of interviewing potential interim superintendents. No decisions were made and no action was taken. The agenda and minutes will be posted retroactively.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

IX. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- A. Correspondence – Thank you note from Rita Walker and Markey Families

B. Information/Discussion Items –

- a. The 2016-2017 budget is underway. A finance committee meeting will be set soon.
- b. The last box of parts arrived on 1/19 for the 6th grade wing. Bergen County Tech will install the wireless upgrade over the upcoming weekend.

X. MINUTES

REVIEW OF MINUTES –

- December 16, 2015 – Work/Business Session
- December 16, 2015 – Closed Session
- January 6, 2016 – Reorganization Meeting
- January 6, 2016 – Work/Business Session
- January 6, 2016 – Closed Session

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – *A motion by Dr. Westlake, seconded by Mr. Walsh and carried a roll call vote 9-0, the Board approved the following:*

- October 21, 2015 – Closed Session
- November 18, 2015 – Work/Business Session
- November 18, 2015 – Closed Session #1
- November 18, 2015 – Closed Session #2
- December 9, 2015 – Work/Business Session
- December 9, 2015 – Closed Session

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTION

A motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mrs. Walker and carried a roll call vote 9-0, the Board approved A1.

A. MISCELLANEOUS

1. January 2016: School Board Recognition Month

Proclamation declaring January 2016 as School Board Recognition Month:

WHEREAS, The New Jersey School Boards Association has declared January 2016 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 2016 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.

- B. BI-BOROUGH/SHARED SERVICES** – Dr. Westlake, Chairperson – *No report at this time.*
- C. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS/SAFETY** – Mr. Derian, Chairperson – *No report at this time.*
- D. CURRICULUM** – Mrs. Walker, Chairperson – *No report at this time.*
- E. FINANCE/TECHNOLOGY** – _____, Chairperson

A motion by Mr. Derian, seconded by Mrs. Walker and carried a roll call vote 9-0, the Board approved E1, E2.

1. Monthly Certifications –It is hereby moved that the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer of School Moneys for the month end December 2015, 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 2015-2016 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 December 2015 be retroactively approved as follows:

Fund 10 (<i>General Current Expense</i>)	\$ 1,016,125.03
Fund 12 (<i>Capital Outlay</i>)	\$ 10,510.00
Fund 20 (<i>Special Revenue Fund</i>)	\$ 23,371.14
Fund 30 (<i>Capital Projects Funds</i>)	\$ 0.00
Fund 40 (<i>Debt Service Fund</i>)	\$ 0.00
Fund 50 (<i>Bi-Borough Curriculum</i>)	\$ 12,820.71
Fund 63 (<i>Summer School</i>)	\$ 0.00
Fund 64 (<i>Milk</i>)	\$ 9,535.14
Unemployment	\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 1,072,362.02

F. PERSONNEL - Mrs. Robertson, Chairperson

A motion by Mrs. Robertson, seconded by Mr. Walsh and carried a roll call vote 9-0, the Board approved F1.

1. Approval to appoint Interim Superintendent – It is hereby moved that the Board approves the appointment of Paul Saxton as Interim Superintendent effective January 21, 2016 to June 30, 2016 at a rate of \$557.70 per day.

G. POLICY – Mr. Oddo, Chairperson – *No report at this time.*

H. PUBLIC RELATIONS – Mrs. Norian, Chairperson – *No report at this time.*

I. NJSBA/BCSBA DELEGATE REPORT – Mr. Walsh, Delegate – *No report at this time.*

XII. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

- *Mr. Derian asked about the 6th grade wing- he had stopped by to see if the wireless upgrade was complete. The work will be done this weekend.*
- *Mrs. Walker spoke about the step outside the gym entrance. She said that it is a great improvement (this was a project that was done prior to the beginning of the school year).*
- *Mr. Derian mentioned that the wiring for the score board is also updated.*
- *Mrs. Robertson asked for an update about Odyssey plans. Ms Goguen spoke of how the River Dell high school parking lot has been secured for parking for student busses. The Odyssey group will be in contact with the police to let them know about the event and what is needed for traffic flow and parking for the day. The food is being coordinated by Oradell Odyssey parents. The Chamber of Commerce will be notified that the event is occurring on February 27th.*

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

XV. CLOSED SESSION – *A motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mrs. Norian and carried a roll call vote 9-0, the Board entered into closed session at 7:49 p.m. for the purpose of:*

PERSONNEL

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.

A motion by Mrs. Norian, seconded by Mr. Walsh, the Board exited closed session at 8:11 p.m.

XVI. *A motion by Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mrs. Norian the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,



Heather Goguen

Business Administrator/Board Secretary

