

**ORADELL BOARD OF EDUCATION
ORADELL, NEW JERSEY 07649
PUBLIC WORK/BUSINESS SESSION MEETING
Oradell Public School Auditorium
February 16, 2022**

TENTATIVE AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER- 7:30 p.m.

II. FLAG SALUTE

III. SUNSHINE LAW STATEMENT

All requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act 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. MISSION STATEMENT

The Oradell Public School District is dedicated to the ongoing pursuit of educational excellence through comprehensive innovative curriculum and instruction. The District is committed to providing opportunities for social, emotional, and academic discovery to foster curiosity, courage, and character. Our goal is to prepare our students to become life-long learners who are self-directed, resilient, productive responsible citizens.

Adopted by the Oradell Board of Education March 27, 2019

V. ROLL CALL

Mrs. Acosta, Mrs. Bhatia-Nigam, Mr. Griffin, Mrs. Norian, Mrs. Shapiro, Mrs. Walker, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Derian, and Mrs. Nichols

VI. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

VII. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

IX. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- 2020-2021 Audit Presentation by Jeffrey Bliss of Lerch, Vinci and Higgins, LLP

X. MINUTES

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES

- January 26, 2022 Work/Business Section

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- January 5, 2022 Work/Business Section

_____ Motion _____ Seconded

ROLL CALL

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS

A. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

B. BUILDING & GROUNDS/ SAFETY- Mr. Derian, Chairperson

- B1. Use of School Facilities- It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board of Education approves the following requests for use of school facilities for the **SY 2021-2022** in accordance with **Board Policy #1330**:

#	Organization	Event	Area of Building	Dates)	Time	Custodian OT	Facility Charge
1	Oradell PTA (Category A)	Shop Local Event	Front & Side Lawns	2/11/22 Fri.	2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.	-0-	-0-
2	Oradell Boy & Cub Scouts (Category A)	Cub Scout/Boy Scout Crossover Ceremony	Auditorium	3/18/22 Fri.	7:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.	-0-	-0-
3	Oradell Public School (Category A)	HoOPS Basketbal Program	Gym	3/25/22, 4/1/22, 4/8/2, 4/22/22, 4/29/22, 5/6/22, 5/13/22, 5/20/22, 5/27/22 Fri.	2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.	-0-	-0-

_____ Motion _____ Seconded

ROLL CALL

C. **CURRICULUM-** Mrs. Norian, Chairperson

- C1. Approval of Field Trip(s) – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves the following field trip(s) for **SY 2021-2022**:

Destination	Grade	Date	Cost to District	Cost to Parents
Odyssey of the Mind Regional Tournament (Millburn, NJ)	5 & 6	February 2022	\$75 (Tournament Fee) \$150 (Faculty Stipend) \$800 Maximum (Prop Transportation)	\$0

_____ Motion _____ Seconded

ROLL CALL

D. **FINANCE/ TECHNOLOGY-** Mrs. Shapiro, Chairperson

- D1. Hand Check Payroll Register for **January 28, 2022**– It is hereby moved, upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, that the Board retroactively approves the disbursements on the Payroll Hand Check Register for January 28, 2022 in the amount of **\$374,591.34**

_____ Motion _____ Seconded

ROLL CALL

- D2. Hand Check Payroll Register for **February 15, 2022**– It is hereby moved, upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, that the Board retroactively approves the disbursements on the Payroll Hand Check Register for February 15, 2022 in the amount of **\$378,900.97**.

_____ Motion _____ Seconded

ROLL CALL

- D3. Check Register for **February 10-16, 2022** - It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Business Administrator/ Board Secretary, that the Board approves the disbursements on the **February 10-16, 2022** Check Register in the amount of **\$703,086.71** check numbers **001568, 990064-990066** and **022655 – 022704**. (**Void 022652-022654**).

_____ Motion _____ Seconded

ROLL CALL

- D4. Approval of the **Financial Reports** of the Board Secretary and Treasurer – It is hereby moved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approve the Report of the Board Secretary, A148, and the Treasurer, A149, as of **January 31, 2022**.

_____ Motion _____ Seconded

ROLL CALL

- D5. **Transfer of Funds** – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves the Monthly Transfers Report as of **January 31, 2022**, 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.

_____ Motion _____ Seconded

ROLL CALL

- D6. **Monthly Budgetary Line Item Certification** – RESOLVED, that the Board Secretary for the Oradell Board of Education certifies that pursuant to N.J.A.C 6A:23A-16.10 (c) 3 as of **January 31, 2022**, that no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C 6A:23A-16.10 (a) ; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oradell Board of Education certifies that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (c) 4 that after review of the Board Secretary’s Report (A148) and Treasurer’s Report (A149) and the advice of district officials, we have no reason to doubt that any major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C 6A:23A-16.10 (b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the District’s financial obligation for the remainder of the fiscal year.

_____ Motion _____ Seconded

ROLL CALL

- D7. **Approval to Award a Contract to R.D. Sales Door and Hardware, LLC.** – It is hereby moved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board approves R.D. Sales Door & Hardware, LLC.to furnish and install metal doors in the basement through the Educational Data Services, Inc. time & material awarded bid #10405 at the purchase price of **\$14,852.00.**

_____ Motion _____ Seconded

ROLL CALL

- D8. **Approval of Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) waiver for SY 2022-2023** - It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Oradell Public School District approves the following:

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district’s participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) program for the 2022-2023 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 Borough 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 2022-2023 school year.

_____ Motion _____ Seconded

ROLL CALL

- D9. **Approval of Legal Cost Per Pupil Indicator** – It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent that the Board approves the following:

WHEREAS, the Oradell Board of Education recognizes that the legal costs per pupil for the 2020-21 Fiscal Year exceeded 130% of the Statewide per pupil average and

WHEREAS, the Oradell Board of Education has undertaken steps to reduce these costs by restricting access to the Board Attorney to only authorized personnel and having the Superintendent and Business Administrator review every legal bill before payment and

WHEREAS, the Oradell Board of Education has determined that implementation of further procedures outlined in N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.2(a)(3) beyond the aforementioned procedures already implemented would not significantly reduce legal costs, as evidenced by the fact that the excess legal costs incurred are the result of a litigation, grievances, protracted negotiations, and/or due process hearings initiated against the District, which the District has been compelled to defend and over which the District has no control;

NOW THEREFORE, Be it Resolved that the Oradell Board of Education hereby accepts the 2020-21 legal costs as meeting the criteria for controlling legal costs and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board will look for more ways to reduce these costs should the opportunity present itself.

_____ Motion _____ Seconded

ROLL CALL

- D10. **Acceptance and Approval of 2020-2021 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report -** It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, that the Board accept and approve the 2020-2021 Comprehensive Annual Financial report and the Auditor’s Management Report on Administrative Findings, containing three audit recommendations to be addressed, as prepared by the firm of Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP:

Facilities and Capital Assets

1. **Finding** –Our audit revealed capital asset accounting records were not updated on an annual basis.

Recommendation –District’s capital asset accounting records be updated timely.

_____ Motion _____ Seconded

ROLL CALL

- D11. **Acceptance and Approval of 2020-2021 Corrective Action Plan -** It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Business Administrator/ Board Secretary, that the Board accept and approve the Corrective Action Plan prepared by the Business

Administrator/Board Secretary in response to the 2020-2021 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) recommendation, for submission to the New Jersey Department of Education.

_____ Motion _____ Seconded

ROLL CALL

E. **NJSBA/ BCSBA DELEGATE REPORT-** Mr. Walsh, Delegate

F. **PERSONNEL-** Mrs. Walker, Chairperson

F1. It is hereby moved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board accepts and approves the Personnel Committee Report dated **February 16, 2022**.

_____ Motion _____ Seconded

ROLL CALL

G. **POLICY-** Mrs. Bhatia-Nigam, Chairperson

H. **PUBLIC RELATIONS-** Mr. Griffin, Chairperson

I. **COVID-19 TASK FORCE-** Mr. Griffin, Chairperson

XII. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

XV. CLOSED SESSION- (IF NECESSARY)

(NOTICE: Public action may be taken after Closed Session concludes.)

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.

_____ Motion _____ Seconded

ROLL CALL

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

_____ Motion _____ Seconded

ROLL CALL